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The press is the orator of the early democracy.—Merle Thorpe.

## HAWAII AN EXPERIMENT STATION

Hawaii may fairly lay claim to have become one of the tropical experiment stations of the world. Treatises by agricultural experts of Hawaii are eagerly copied by agricultural journals throughout the world. Men who have mastered the sugar industry in these islands have gone to the West Indies, to Fiji, to the Philippines, to take charge of sugar estates in those countries. Sugar-manufacturing machinery designed and constructed in Hawaii is aiding materially in the development of the sugar industries of various countries of the Orient. Of the field laborers imported from abroad, a considerable proportion of workers from the Philippines come with the purpose of gaining experience to carry back to the cane fields of their own islands. Plants and seeds are frequently sent from Hawaii to other lands, particularly the Philippines and Guam. The instigation of these remarks is the receipt of the annual report of the Hawaii experiment station for 1911 from the office of experiment stations, department of agriculture, Washington. J. B. Thompson, the special agent in charge, was formerly connected with the Hawaii station. The report contains many evidences of the intimate relations of this territory with the agricultural development of the lonely Ladrone.

"One of the most keenly felt wants of the producers here," writes Mr. Thompson, "is transportation facilities that can be relied upon to carry the island products regularly and directly to a good market. The United States army transports call at Guam once per month on their outward run from San Francisco to Manila, but these vessels do not touch there on their return trip. The present transport regulations admit of a limited amount of provisions and other necessities being carried from San Francisco and Honolulu to Guam, but the shipment of copra from Guam to Manila is not allowed." He goes on to show that the cargo space after the discharge of supplies at Guam would be sufficient to carry three times the amount of copra now exported from the island. David T. Fullaway, entomologist of the Hawaii agricultural experiment station, was detailed late in the year for duty at the Guam station. Between his arrival on May 27 and the close of the fiscal year he was employed in making general investigations of an entomological nature, including the collection for identification of the insects of the island, and the report says that when completed the work will constitute the most thorough account of the insects in the Guam fauna.

Para grass, first introduced in May, 1910, when twenty-five clumps were received from the Hawaii experiment station, has had such rapid propagation that "several large wagonloads of roots have been distributed in addition to material required for planting a plot of one acre on the station grounds. Many owners of live stock have commented upon the success of this grass at the station, and a few have obtained and planted roots to supply feed for their own animals."

Pineapples of the smooth cayenne variety introduced in 1909 show a striking improvement in size over those of the variety commonly grown on the island and the flavor of the new sort has generally been pronounced the better. It is stated that the flavor of the introduced variety as grown at the station compares favorably with that of the same variety produced in Hawaii. "All available plants have been distributed and, in order to furnish more to responsible parties and to get the improved variety disseminated as soon as possible over the island, an order for 1,000 suckers has been placed with a Honolulu firm, and a further distribution will be made upon the arrival of these plants."

In the entomological notes of Mr. Fullaway, it is stated that no pests were found on the avocado, which has been introduced from Hawaii within recent years. "The honey bee, introduced some years ago from Hawaii, is a very common insect in Guam. Many hives are maintained, but they as a rule are poorly cared for," Mr. Fullaway saying in a later connection: "Improved hives for the honey bee have been secured by the station from Hawaii and demonstrations of their superiority to the ordinary box hive will be made." Mention is made of various beneficial insects from Hawaii with more or less success in their propagation. Besides the other

things already mentioned, the mammee apple and the minusops elengi are fruits introduced from Hawaii, neither of which had yet fruited.

The output of coconuts (this spelling has now been generally adopted in official reports all over the world) was much greater than that for the year 1910, customhouse reports showing an increase in copra exports of 64 per cent. over those of the preceding year, and it is stated that the increase comes in great part from young plantations which are just coming into bearing. In remarks prefaced to his entomological notes, Mr. Fullaway gives a statement of island conditions, of which the following is part: "The methods of farming are crude, but there has recently been a rather steady improvement in this regard. The most important crops are coconuts, corn, coffee, rice, tobacco and sugar cane. Copra from the coconut is the only product exported, and last year's crop amounted to \$40,000. Extensive plantings of corn are made each year, but the losses are usually great, and all that is harvested is consumed on the island. Coffee was formerly more extensively grown than at present and formed an article of export. Sugar cane, rice and tobacco are not extensively grown, and the products are used entirely in Guam. Forage crops are assuming more importance in view of the large number of horses, mules and other stock used and maintained by the government and the growing cattle industry. Some of the island fruits are of excellent quality and bring good prices in the market, but none are exported. . . . Vegetables of good quality are cultivated, including the sweet potato, eggplant, beet, cucumber, radish and cabbage. Other plants of economic importance are cotton, rubber, broom corn, cassava, peanut, kapok, bamboo and numerous hedge trees, such as the camachile, ironwood, etc."

The new prison is going to be one of Honolulu's most delightful residence spots, to judge from the drawings made by the architects. "The site selected for the prison is on rising ground overlooking Kalihi bay." This will afford the gentlemen of leisure temporarily resident in the prison a good opportunity to view the water sports on holidays. The prison is so constructed, one notes, that the necessity of watchtowers and walks on the wall is done away with, thus relieving the guards of irksome duties and allowing them plenty of time to shoot craps in the shadow of the sixteen-foot wall. There is one drawback, however, from the standpoint of a desperate jail-bird, and that is the difficulty of cutting through the walls to freedom with a soup-spoon, a pastime that has been much in vogue at the present prison. If life on the chain-gang can only be made more attractive, there is no reason why our new penal institution will not be a great success.

New York's shocking revelations of police corruption, culminating in the conviction of Lieutenant Charles Becker on the charge of murdering Gambler Rosenthal, were the direct outcome of graft in the underworld. The four gunmen who were convicted yesterday of the actual murder of Rosenthal, as well as the lieutenant who directed the gunmen, will pay with their lives for the many grafters who have been fattening off protected vice. New York's terrible lesson may well be remembered in Honolulu. Grafting off the unfortunate women, or the gamblers, will bring swift retribution in the form of more violent crime and its conviction.

The King's Daughters deserve every support and encouragement in their effort to complete the \$75,000 building fund on which they have been working for many months. The organization is particularly meritorious in its purposes: it brings comfort and relief to strained and careworn old age; and every dollar that goes into this fund goes out in tender protection for men and women who have come to the decline of life, after years spent in battling against poverty, only to face the most desperate of want. To such as these the King's Daughters are angels of mercy.

Since Wilson's election, some speculation has been indulged in here as to when a Democratic president had a congress in political sympathy with him. In Cleveland's first administration, the senate was composed of thirty-seven Democrats and thirty-nine Republicans, and the house of 168 Democrats and 153 Republicans. In his second administration, the senate was forty-four Democrats to thirty-eight Republicans, and the house 220 Democrats to 126 Republicans.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ROBERT W. SHINGLE—Politics? Politics? Seems like I have heard that word somewhere before, but not recently.

JUDGE WILDER—I don't like the way the Democrats are looking at things. They talk too much about jobs and too little about policies.

CAPT. PATY (of the Town team)—There is a rumor going around that a football team out of one of the forts is looking for a game in Honolulu. Bring 'em along!

MAYOR FERN—I hope that the Democratic board will show more harmony of spirit than the present. It's very wearing to the nerves to attend one of the meetings.

HARBOR OFFICER CARTER—I made a round of the well-known resorts of the so-called "wine huns" this morning, but, for a wonder, none of the old regulars were to be found.

SUPERVISOR MURRAY—Whew! but that was a hot meeting of the board last night. Felt just like old times. We managed to get through quite a little work at that.

HARBORMASTER FOSTER—The way freight is leaving the wharves and reducing congestion is exceedingly pleasing. For a time it looked as if we were to be up against it to find space for incoming cargoes.

G. H. BUTTOLPH—No settlement of the sugar tariff may be expected much before June. The tariff is not the immediate cause of the fall in sugar stocks, although it does come into consideration now to some extent.

CAPT. DYSON—No matter what happens, the High School team will play the Punahou team on Thanksgiving Day. That is the way the schedule reads and we are going to live up to it.

E. B. BLANCHARD—The little accident that I was a victim of yesterday afternoon did not prevent me from beating a couple of fellows at a chess game last night. It won't hinder me from going after this "dago red" probe, either.

WM. THOMPSON—The question of whether or not a recall provision should be made operative in the case of commissioners elected for short terms only is one that arises in discussing a new municipal charter.

DR. A. R. ROWAT—Speaking of the failure of the municipal authorities to look after the carting-away of dead carcasses, the body of a dog lay for more than a day this week on Vineyard street. It was still there when I passed yesterday.

JAMES BRADLEY—I see that the city dads succeeded in persuading another property-owner to lay a small section of cement sidewalk along Bethel street. There still remains a strip of about twenty feet that is paved with good intentions and mud.

FRED NOYES (manager, Hawaii theater)—I fail to see the necessity of a local board of censorship for moving pictures, in that all films received by me for presentation at the Hawaii are first passed by a national board of censorship, which is most exacting in its demands.

FRED W. MILVERTON—I'm busy getting ready the amended plumbing ordinance. Hope to have it ready for the next evening session of the board. It will contain quite a number of changes, including provision for the examination of all journeymen and master plumbers by a board of inspectors, created by the same act.

## PERSONALITIES

MRS. J. H. THOMPSON is convalescing from a very severe attack of grippe and bronchitis.

CHARLES H. MERRIAM, registrar of conveyances, has returned from a vacation spent on Molokai.

## PEOPLE'S OPPORTUNITY

The people of Honolulu will have an opportunity for the next few days to buy household necessities and furnishings for the families with the complete and up-to-date stock at the Canton Dry Goods Co. store, on Hotel street, opposite the Empire theater.

The big price-cutting sale that has been going on for two weeks will be continued until next Saturday, the third. Mr. Lee has consented to this sale owing to the constant requests of the store's many customers, and from all appearances the general trade is taking advantage of this generous offer.

There is a special lot of Embroideries, recently arrived, that is going on sale, as well as lots of odds and ends. The sale will positively close on Saturday night—advertisement.

Governor Frear this morning appointed Judge S. M. Ballou as delegate from the Territory to the conference of the Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, which will meet at Washington, D. C., December 20. Judge Ballou at present is representing the sugar planters of the islands at the national capital, and is making his home there.

## JOBLESS CREW

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bright lights of Honolulu and the fascinating figures of the election returns, but as it happened there was a working party on one of the lonely lighthouse jobs that was short of both provisions and material, and every hour counted. At noon Captain Warner of the Kukui told the men that they could get off to vote, putting no limit on the time for the ballot casting, but notifying all of the sailing hour.

Before 7 o'clock Arledge was aboard and with the officers stood around wondering what had become of the crew. When his watch marked the scheduled hour of departure the inspector was considerably peeved.

"I'll give them half an hour," he said. "If they come inside of that time they'll get a call down. If they don't show up the whole crew has got to be fired."

And that is why the Kukui has a new crew, her former complement now having plenty of time to weave leis and attend hulas, to the glory of Hawaiian days that are no more.

## TO REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF 'THE REVOLVING WEDGE'

The sale of tickets for the College of Hawaii play, "The Revolving Wedge," has been so great that it has been found necessary to give two performances of the play, one on the night before Thanksgiving and the other on Thanksgiving night.

Dr. Andrews, who is coaching the play, said this morning:

There are to be no reserved seats, but the committee in charge of the play has issued the statement that no more tickets will be sold than there are seats, so no one who has a ticket need be afraid of not getting a seat.

"There has been such a demand for tickets that the management has decided to repeat the performance on Thursday night. Tickets will accordingly go on sale for this performance and those who are unable to procure seats for Wednesday night will thus be accommodated on Thanksgiving night."

"For this performance as for the other, but one ticket will be issued for each seat and there will be no necessity of arriving early in order to procure a seat."

"Only a very few tickets for Wednesday night remain on hand and if any one desires a seat for that night in preference to Thursday night it would be well to buy the ticket as soon as possible."

Preparations for the play are being carried forward with a rush and the management states that everything will be in readiness by Wednesday. The first dress rehearsal is to be held Monday night at the Charles H. Bishop Hall of Punahou. Regular rehearsals have been learned thoroughly and well.

After today, every rehearsal is to be held at Punahou in order to accommodate the cast to the stage and its settings. J. Hopp & Co., furniture dealers of Honolulu, have been more than kind in offering to supply the furniture for the scene. The costumes are to be supplied by the members of the cast.

## ARTIST WILL TALK TO BUSINESSMEN

James A. Wilder will address the Ad Club at its noon luncheon tomorrow at the Palm restaurant. The luncheon is forty cents and those who are interested in advertising Hawaii in any way are welcomed, notice to the Public Service, Phone 3306, being requested.

Mr. Wilder is an artist who believes that the best advertisement for Hawaii is to keep it Hawaii. He will tell how attractive to the tourist is the grass house and how unattractive is the skyscraper from which the man who leaves America behind has fled. Artist Wilder would see a Samoan village and a Fijian missionary station located in Hawaii and the whole world apprised of the fact. Mr. Wilder's back-to-nature talk will be discussed by those present at the lunch.

## JAPANESE LECTURE

The Japanese Makiki church will give a lecture and entertainment on next Friday night for the benefit of the Japanese Young Men's Christian Association. The principle address of the evening will be given by Rev. Okamura, who has recently returned from a tour of the world, and will be illustrated with stereoscopic views of the different places visited by him en route.

Various musical numbers will be included in the program, which will consist of several selections by a male quartette and a piano solo by Mrs. Suibera. The entertainment will be held at the Japanese church on Pensacola and Kinu streets and will begin at seven-thirty o'clock.

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